

REMARKS

Applicants courteously request favorable reconsideration of the present application.

Applicants submit amended claims 29 and 31. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's suggestions for editing the preamble to claim 31. Claim 30 has been canceled. Claims 31 and 33 are withdrawn, but Applicants courteously solicit their rejoinder.

The number of claims has been reduced and the amended claims address all issues.

If claims 31 and 33 are not rejoined, then claims 31 and 33 can be canceled by an Examiner's Amendment in order to issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 29 and 32.

Applicants respectfully submit amended claim 29 defines a novel and unobvious invention over the Suido reference.

The cited prior art does not suggest "[a] method of enhancing blood antioxidant activity in a subject ..." Applicants point out Suido nowhere describes antioxidative ability or efficacy.

More specifically, in the present invention, a TRAP value is used as an index of the antioxidant activity. The TRAP value is an index commonly used to evaluate the antioxidative activity of a body. Example 2 herein discloses a method for measuring the TRAP value.

Rather, the Suido reference refers to "serum total cholesterol (TC) and low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) were significantly reduced by drinking two cans of the mixed green vegetable and fruit beverage every day for 3 weeks." Suido, page 3348, right column, fourth paragraph.

This is unrelated to the antioxidative activity as in claim 29. It is clear from Applicants' specification that the measurement of an index for antioxidative activity, such as a TRAP value, has no correlation with the cholesterol measurements in the Suido reference.

In amended claim 29, the recitations relate to enhancing blood antioxidant activity. Applicants invite the Examiner's attention to Table 1, Test Example 2, and to FIG. 3, which demonstrate results consistent with the subject matter as defined in claim 29. The results would not have been foreseen from the Suido reference.

Next, claim 29 recites "ingesting by said subject at least one composition in at least one form selected from the group consisting of a juice, powder, granule, tablet, or capsule, said composition comprising an effective amount of broccoli, cabbage, spinach, parsley, komatsuna (*Brassica rapa* L.), Japanese radish leaves, lettuce, and celery" for enhancing blood antioxidant activity in a subject.

Suido does not disclose "ingesting..." the ingredients enhances the blood antioxidant activity in a subject.

Claim 29 recites "in at least one form selected from the group consisting of a juice, powder, granule, tablet, or capsule" Suido does not disclose nor would it have suggested the "in at least one form... or capsule" as recited in the context of claim 29. Suido simply does not specifically teach formulating the composition into all of the forms as recited in claim 29.

Applicants respectfully submit the basis for the weight percents recited in former claim 30, now recited in amended claim 29, are sufficiently clear that a person skilled in the art would know what applicants claim. The claim should also be construed in view of the specification, and Applicants submit their claims therefore distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as their

invention. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the formality rejection under Section 112(2).

Applicants therefore courteously submit claims 29 and 32 define novel and unobvious inventions, and further submit that, when rejoined, claims 31 and 33 also define patentable inventions.

Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested. A Notice of Allowance for all claims is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, kindly contact Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time in which to file this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the two-month extension fee of \$490 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 with respect to Order No. 8156-84352. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any required fee not intentionally omitted, including application processing, extension, extra claims, statutory disclaimer, issue, and publication fees, to said deposit account referencing Order No. 8156/84352.

Respectfully submitted,

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